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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1568

INFO USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE 0236

AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T SANTO DOMINGO 3966

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: HUTCHISON KIDNAPPING

1. USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE FRANKLIN POLANCO TELEPHONED MAIN CAPTOR RHADAMES MENDEZ VARGAS AT VENEZUELAN CONSULATE, POSING AS LOCAL STRINGER MEXICAN PRESS, AND INQUIRED REGARDING STATE OF AFFAIRS IN LIGHT OF KIDNAPPERS' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY HOPED FOR ASYLUM IN MEXICO ONCE TERMS HAD BEEN MET. ACCORDING TO POLANCO, MENDEZ CONFIRMED TERMS REGARDING RELEASE OF SOME THIRTY-SEVEN PRISONERS HELD BY GODR AND FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR HUTCHISON. MENDEZ CONTINUED THAT HIS PEOPLE WERE WORKING ON A PRESS COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD CONTAIN A DEADLINE. IN RESPONSE TO POLANCO'S QUERY AS TO WHAT WOULD OCCUR IF DEADLINE NOT MET, MENDEZ REPLIED THAT ONE OF CAPTURED PERSONS WOULD BE SHOT EVERY TWO HOURS ON FRONT PORCH OF VENEZUELAN CONSULATE IN FULL VIEW OF POLICE.

2. POLANCO THEN ASKED TO TALK TO HUTCHISON AND DID SO. HE REPORTS HUTCHISON CHEERFUL AND THAT SHE SAYS SHE WELL TREATED. POLANCO THEN

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TOLD MENDEZ HE WOULD CALL AGAIN SIX P.M. TO HEAR WHETHER PROGRESS

BEING MADE. MENDEZ ENCOURAGED POLANCO TO DO SO.  
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